

RESOLUTION NO.: 2019-53

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OLDEST AND LARGEST TREE ON
TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE PROPERTY AS A
LANDMARK TREE

WHEREAS, the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee (the "Town") is a designated Tree City under the Tree City USA program of the Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Town, as a Tree City, has a Tree Board (the "Tree Board"); and

WHEREAS, the Tree Board's mission is to preserve the natural beauty of the mountain through tree advocacy and education; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-217 of the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee Code of Ordinances permits owners of public or private trees to request that the Tree Board designate as a Signal Mountain Landmark Tree any tree of significant age or size or history that constitutes a unique asset to the community; and

WHEREAS, a Landmark Tree is a tree possessing exceptional, historical, cultural and/or aesthetic value because of its age, descent, stature, rarity, association with an important event or person, and/or representation as an exemplar of its genus or species; and

WHEREAS, the Town celebrated its Centennial in the Year 2019; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Town's Centennial Celebration, the Tree Board compiled a list of the Town's trees that are at least one hundred (100) years old; and

WHEREAS, a Tulip Poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) located in Lena Givens Park at or near the intersection of Ridgeway Avenue and Mississippi Avenue (the "Grand Poplar") is estimated to be two hundred eighty-two (282) years old; and

WHEREAS, at two hundred eighty-two (282) years old, the Grand Poplar is the oldest living specimen on public property in the Town, having germinated during or about the Year 1737; and

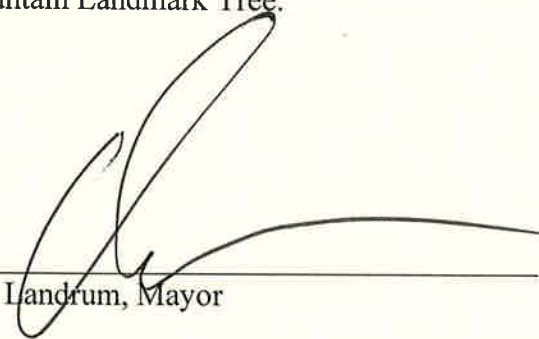
WHEREAS, the Grand Poplar has defiantly withstood the test of time, weather, and the development and growth of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Poplar is a pivotal member and symbol of the Town and its community; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Poplar bears all the hallmarks of a Landmark Tree; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Board, through its powers under the Town of Signal Mountain, Tennessee Code of Ordinances and in furtherance of its stated mission, desires to designate the Grand Poplar as a Signal Mountain Landmark Tree.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, That the Grand Poplar is now and will forever be a Signal Mountain Landmark Tree.



Dan Landrum, Mayor

Recorder

Date

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